



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>Applicant:</b>	Grossman, A.	)	
		)	
<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/752,231	)	
		)	
<b>Filed:</b>	December 29, 2000	)	<b>Art Unit:</b> 1634
		)	<b>Examiner:</b> Goldberg, J.A.
<b>Title:</b>	Methods, Compositions, and	)	
	Apparatus for Making	)	
	Nucleic Acids having a	)	
	Selected Affinity for a	)	
	Target Molecule	)	
		)	
<b>Docket No.:</b>	30318-109CIP	)	
		)	
		)	
		)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37.C.F.R. 1.8(a))**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date set forth below.

4/15/04  
date of mail deposit

By: S. J. Gaudet  
Stephen J. Gaudet  
Reg. No. 48,921  
Attorney for Applicant

**RESPONSE A**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 05, 2003, Applicant files the following response. Additionally, Applicant requests a three (3) month extension. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) a check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed - if this amount is insufficient, then the Office is permitted to access Deposit Account 03-2410.

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Status of the claims begins on page 3.

Please cancel claims 14 -18 without prejudice.

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please insert "(SEQ ID No. 1)" on page 7 (referring to the published PCT) under the section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings" in the following line: "Figure 1 depicts the nucleic acid sequence (SEQ ID No. 1) of one replicatable nucleic acid template for the enzyme Q-Beta replicase;"

**Remarks:**

Remarks begin on page 6.